

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2007
CHINCOTEAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Members Present:

John H. Tarr, Mayor
Anita Speidel, Vice Mayor
Nancy B. Conklin, Councilwoman
Terry Howard, Councilman
Ellen W. Richardson, Councilwoman
E. David Ross, Councilman
Glenn B. Wolfe, Councilman

Call to Order

Mayor Tarr called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Invocation

Councilman Howard offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum/Public Participation.

- Mayor Tarr gave details of the Student Government day held on May 7, 2007. Student Government Mayor, Brielle Robbins, introduced the Student Government Council and Staff.

Council Members:

Amanda Besecker	Rachel Haugh
Ashton Birch	Erica Raymond
Cole Conklin	Amber Rogalski
Stephanie Nhem, Town Manager	
Kyle Taylor, Chief of Police	
Nina Orlando, Director of Public Works	

SG Mayor and Council brought several recommendations to Council:

- They proposed placing “no parking” signs on Church Street from Main Street to Pension Street as well as on Maddox Boulevard from Main Street to Deep Hole Road (during the summer months and because of the location of the new bridge), both for safety reasons.
- They agreed that the paving of Church Street should be a top priority, also for safety reasons. In addition, they recommended that Eastside Road be paved as well.
- They recommended that street lights be placed on Hallie Whealton Smith Drive.
- They proposed raising the speed limit to 30 mph.

Mayor Tarr responded that the above items will be sent to the appropriate committees for review. Mayor Tarr and Council commended the children on a job well done.

- Mr. John Nelson Jester stated that he had a safety concern with the bike path on Maddox Boulevard, particularly on the traffic circle near Maddox Boulevard and on to Assateague. He asked if the path could be cleaned by the street sweeper and possibly widened between the traffic circle and Assateague. Mayor Tarr responded that the matter will be reviewed.
- Mrs. Victoria Emery Godwin asked for Council's help with enforcing the protective order against her ex-boyfriend because she has been told by the Police Department that they cannot do anything unless they witness him violating the order.

Agenda Additions/Deletions and Adoption

Mayor Tarr requested that agenda item number six be added to the agenda for discussion of a possible legal matter in a closed meeting. Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilman Wolffe, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 2 and 19, 2007 Council Meetings.

Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Budget and Personnel Committee Report.

Councilwoman Conklin reported on the April 17, 2007 meeting. Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilman Wolffe, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Accomack County Board of Supervisors Update.

Island District Supervisor, Honorable Wanda Thornton, updated Council with several issues that the County is currently facing that may affect the Island:

- Supervisor Thornton stated that Mr. Jester's bike path concern could be discussed at the next Community Leaders meeting.
- Supervisor Thornton stated that the County's budget revenues and expenditures have been given to Town Manager Ritter. She stated that tipping fees were raised this year and that sales tax revenue is expected to increase next year due to the establishment of the new Wal-Mart store in Onley. Supervisor Thornton also listed and explained several expenditure percentages.
- Supervisor Thornton stated that in the County's draft Comprehensive Plan, the County opposes any discharge into the waters. She urged Council to voice concern over the wording of the proposed plan.
- Supervisor Thornton stated that there will be no small dredging projects. She reiterated the importance of supplying the Army Corps of Engineers with economic impact statements from the local businesses affected by the lack of dredging. Supervisor Thornton added that there will be an upcoming meeting on the matter.

4. *Town Dock Lease.*

Public Works Director Cosby stated that he has not received any bids for the lease of the Town Dock. It was the consensus of Council not to re-advertise for bids at this time.

5. *Mayor and Council Announcements or Comments.*

- Councilman Wolffe mentioned that he will be unable to attend the May 17 Council meeting.
- Councilman Howard requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Kiwanis Club for cleaning the cemetery off of Smith Street.
- Mayor Tarr commented that Council will not need to convene a closed meeting as suggested by the agenda amendment.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Tarr announced that the next meeting will be on May 17, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Town Manager